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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

1. I PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO KING HASSAN IN RABAT APRIL 12 IN BRIEF, DIGNIFIED CEREMONY. ORIGINALLY SET FOR LATE LAST WEEK, IT HAD BEEN RESCHEDULED BECAUSE OF INDISPOSITION OF KING. ALSO PRESENT WERE FONMIN LARAKI, INFOMIN TAIBI BENHIMA, ROYAL PROTOCOL MINISTER GENERAL MOULAY HAFID ALAOU AND ROYAL CABINET DIRECTOR BENSOU DA, PLUS PRINCIPAL EMBASSY OFFICERS. IN ADDITION , NUMEROUS LOCAL MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ON HAND. FOUR NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADORS ALSO PRESENTED THEIR CREDENTIALS SUBSEQUENTLY.

2. IN WARM EXTEMPERANEOUS WELCOMING REMARKS, KING SPOKE OF HIS HIGH REGARD FOR PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE TO MOROCCO OF TRADITIONAL CLOSE TIES WITH US. NOTING IN CONTEXT OF BICENTENNIAL THAT MOROCCO HAD BEEN ONE OF THE FIRST COUNTRIES TO RECOGNIZE NEW REPUBLIC, KING COMMENTED THAT SOME COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH YOUNG, HAD ACCOMPLISHED MUCH. HE ADDED THAT WE WOULD HAVE MUCH TO SAY TO ONE ANOTHER IN FUTURE, MORE PRIVATE MEETINGS. KING CONCLUDED BY LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING LONG-STANDING BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND ASKED ME TO TRANSMIT HIS WARMEST REGARDS AND BEST PERSONAL WISHES FOR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS TO PRESIDENT FORD.

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3. IN RESPONSE, I CONVEYED WARM GREETINGS OF PRESIDENT
AND SECRETARY, UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY US
TO UNBROKEN RELATIONS OF NEARLY 200 YEARS WITH MOROCCO,
AND EXPRESSED INTENTION TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO
BUILD UPON OUR EXCELLENT CURRENT RELATIONS.
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